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## GENERAL

1. Arab invasion of Palestine unlikely before 15 May--US Ambassador Wadsworth in Baghdad has been informed by the Transjordan Minister to Iraq that at the recent conference at Amman, 5 May was not set as D-day for the Arab invasion of Palestine. (This statement corrects information previously reported in Daily Summary of 1 May, item 6.) According to the Transjordan Minister, it was agreed at Amman that: (a) the Transjordan Arab Legion would not invade Palestine "in force" until after 15 May; and (b) other Arab states would maintain contingents along the frontiers but would not invade Palestine unless the Arab Legion failed or unless "there should be intervention by a foreign power."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes, on the basis of the latest reports from US and British representatives in the Arab capitals, that no Arab army will invade Palestine in force before 15 May.)

## EUROPE

2. GERMANY: Social Democrat views on Berlin situation--According to Acting Political Adviser Chase, leaders of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) believe most emphatically that it is important for the western powers to remain in Berlin and also feel that if matters get any worse in Berlin it will be necessary to evacuate SPD leaders from the Soviet sector. The SPD reportedly plans, if the party is dissolved in the Soviet sector of Berlin, to begin the organization of an underground, using previously inconspicuous personnel. The SPD office in Berlin has emergency plans for evacuation of key personnel from the Soviet sector if the Kommandatura breaks up.
3. USSR: MA's views on immediate Soviet intentions--The US Military Attache in Moscow expresses the opinion that the Soviet regime is temporarily curbing its expansionist policy in order to induce the US to curtail a realistic war preparation program. He therefore believes that the Kremlin does not desire war at present,

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and is apprehensive lest it precipitate an immediate armed conflict. He adds that, while awaiting more propitious conditions for overt westward expansion in Europe, the Soviet Union will strengthen its internal capabilities to wage war and attempt to consolidate further its present holdings in Europe. He expects additional Soviet efforts to expel the western powers from Berlin and Vienna. The MA also believes that the Kremlin will probably turn its immediate expansionist efforts toward the Near and Middle East and that Iran--because of its strategic position, oil reserves, and Soviet proclaimed treaty obligations--is the probable immediate objective.

(CIA Comment: These conclusions are substantially in agreement with those stated by CIA in the Weekly Summary of 30 April.)

4. GREECE: Guerrillas may foster peace rumors--US Charge Rankin considers that, although rumors of a guerrilla peace offer have been officially denied, the Communists may have initiated such an offer (or rumors of it) in order to: (a) arouse liberal sentiment for an end of the war in Greece; or (b) determine the Greek Government's attitude toward such a settlement. Rankin believes that the prospects for continuing military success of the Greek National Army may impel the Communists to prepare the ground for an eventual "political solution" but warns against the feeling that there is an "easy way" out of the present struggle.

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